



Ward 6 Council Member Steve Kozachik invites you to a

First Amendment Forum

Free Speech & Civility – Striking the Balance

Wednesday April 29, 2015

Modern Languages, Room 350

(UA campus, southeast of the Second Street Garage)

Doors Open at 5:30, forum begins at 6pm

The Klan marching in Skokie, Illinois, and burning an American Flag are both considered “protected speech.” In these days of social media, you can ‘speak’ to tens of thousands of people at the click of a mouse.

What’s legal? What’s appropriate? Where’s the line? What role does context play in any of those questions?

Come participate in that conversation this Wednesday, April 29th at 6pm in the Modern Languages Building on the UA campus.

Panelists:

Kathy Riester - UA Dean of Students Office

Toni Masarro - Former Dean of the UA Law School

Ron Barber - Founder, Fund for Civility, Respect and Understanding

Rabbi Sam Cohon - Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona

Kamel Didan - Islamic Center of Tucson

Moderated by Steve Kozachik – Ward 6 Council Member

This forum is an offshoot of several unfortunate incidents that occurred on and around campus last fall. Those involved faith related epithets, but the issue of speech versus civility includes far more than religious offensive speech. In TUSD over the past several years there have been eight suicides that were connected to bullying. The LGBT community has suffered from offensive speech and actions. Race, ethnicity, and picketing funerals – it’s all of a piece when it comes to the issue we’ll be talking about.

“The intent of the meeting is to open a dialogue with the hope we’ll be a more understanding, compassionate, and thinking community as a result. I hope you can make it. The more voices included, the more we’ll all have the chance to learn from one another.”

- Steve Kozachik